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## Findings and recommendations for state research and development school announced

CEDAR FALLS, Iowa -- The findings and recommendations for a state research and development school have been reported to the Iowa General Assembly by the two committees formed as a result of last year's legislative session request to develop recommendations to expand the Malcolm Price Laboratory School as a state of Iowa research and development school.

The finance and funding committee developed a plan for sustained operational and capital funding by identifying new funding sources and restructuring existing funding sources for the school. The implementation committee developed a detailed transition plan for expanding the Malcolm Price Laboratory School as a state of Iowa research and development school.

"This initiative is in direct alignment with the priorities of UNI, and is strong evidence that with support from our partners across the state, UNI will continue to be a leader in pre-K through 12 education, providing the best opportunities for educational research and teacher preparation for the entire state of Iowa," said Ben Allen, president of the University of Northern Iowa.

"This is an exciting idea. Iowa has long been recognized as a leader in education and this initiative would enhance our standing in the nation in this regard, " said Judy Jeffrey, director of the Iowa Department of Education.

The legislature will review the report during this legislative session.